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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT : Shipment of POV's at Government Expense for Personnel Assigned a QP Vehicle


REFERENCES: (a) Memorandum for Deputy Director (Support) from SSA/DDG, Subject: Return Shipment of POV's at Government Expense for Personnel Assigned a QP Vehicle, dated 1 May 1963

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1. Reference (a) was prepared for the purpose of clarifying that the policy of this Organization is to permit the shipment of a privately owned vehicle at Government expense from an overseas location to Headquarters or between overseas locations for an individual who had been assigned a QP vehicle or an official vehicle for his exclusive use.
2. Since the issuance of reference (b), which precludes shipment at Government expense of a POV to an overseas location for an individual who has been assigned a QP or official vehicle for his exclusive use, instances of personal hardship and inequities have been brought to the attention of Headquarters as a result of this restriction.
3. Individuals assigned to positions at overseas locations who require a QP vehicle or an official vehicle for their exclusive use in carrying out their assigned responsibilities are generally speaking case officers or other senior station personnel. Many of such individuals are married and have family responsibilities which require the use of an automobile. While the QP or official vehicle is technically available for use by the family, in actual practice this is not normally so since it is required for official use and the family is therefore denied the use of the vehicle. On the other hand, individuals who do not have a requirement for a QP or official vehicle for their exclusive use are permitted to ship a POV to their PCS Station at Government expense and such vehicle normally is available for overall family use. If on occasion he has a requirement for the use of a vehicle for official purposes, he may either draw one from the station or base or use his POV on a mileage reimbursable basis.

4. Because of the obvious inequities cited in paragraph 3, above, the undersigned contacted SSA/BDS to discuss the feasibility of eliminating from reference (c) the prohibition for shipment of a POV at Government expense for an individual who is assigned a QP or official vehicle for his exclusive use. The SSA/BDS agreed that the shipment prohibition did cause inequities and that his Office had been requested on a number of occasions to administratively initiate exceptions to the regulation. He also stated that he would discuss with the DD/S, the feasibility of eliminating the prohibition for shipment of a POV from reference (c).

5. On 26 July 1963, the SSA/BDS advised the undersigned that the DD/S has agreed to the deletion from reference (c) of the prohibition for the shipment at Government expense of a POV for an individual who is assigned a QP or official vehicle for his exclusive use. Appropriate recognition of this determination will be incorporated in the revised Travel regulations.

  
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